

FIRE LIEUTENANT - 4451

GENERAL DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF WORK:

Performs difficult protective service directing and supervising activities during a shift; does related work as required. Work is performed under general supervision. Supervision is exercised over all shift personnel.

This is heavy work requiring the exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects, and some very heavy work requiring exertion in excess of 100 pounds occasionally, in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, and feeling; vocal communication is required for conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, oils, and wearing a self contained breathing apparatus. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS:

Serving as shift commander; responding to alarms; supervising and participating in the suppression of fires including rescue, entry, ventilating, salvage work and emergency situations.

Responds to fire alarms, as shift commander directs the work of personnel;
Instructs subordinate personnel in work assignment and procedures; assists with applicant interviews;
Supervises and participates in the work of extinguishing fires and the performance of related life and property protection; directs fire ground operations; determines fire cause and origin;
Directs the activities of fire company in the training in all phases of firefighting and rescue;
Maintains fire hydrants; completes fire incident reports;
Oversees the daily functions within a fire station; ensures adequate inventory of necessary equipment is on hand;
Supervises and conducts hydrant testing, hose testing, apparatus, and pump testing;
Conducts preincident surveys and fire inspections;
Supervises maintenance and testing of apparatus and equipment; maintains air cylinders and SCBA equipment;
Attends training courses and seminars and participates in training exercises;
Keeps records and makes operational and personnel reports;
Evaluates work of subordinates; helps prepare department budget;
Performs other firefighting and related emergency tasks consistent with appropriate standards for position;
Performs related tasks as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical activities ; thorough knowledge of departmental rules and regulations; thorough knowledge in the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment; thorough knowledge of fire prevention methods and ordinances and stated laws relating to fire prevention methods; thorough knowledge of supervisory principles and practices; general knowledge of hazardous materials and accident extrication principles and techniques; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates and the general public; ability to effectively supervise others at fires and other emergencies; physical endurance and agility.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited community college with major course work in fire science or related field and extensive experience in firefighting.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the State of North Carolina. Must meet and maintain minimum qualifications for position as established by the department.